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Mr. D. Michael Light Monsanto Company 800 North Lindbergh Boulevard St. Louis, Missouri 63137

Dear Mr. Light:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 27, 1997 indicating Monsanto's request to delay the time line for Monsanto's good faith offer. Illinois EPA will grant a 45 day time extension because of additional demands (e.g. flood control issues at Dead Creek) that were made to Monsanto. The new deadline will be August 15, 1997.

Illinois EPA is willing to accommodate Monsanto in this process to perform an RI/FS but further time extensions can not be granted. I anticipate that a State Consent Decree governing an Area 1 RI/FS can be prepared shortly after August 15 if Monsanto accepts Illinois EPA's offer under the terms we have discussed.

Yours Truly,

Terry 6. Ayers, Manager

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